

In Memory of
United States Marine Corps Corporal
Paul Aisenbrey
Aberdeen, South Dakota
Brown County

November 15, 1926 – June 24, 1952
Died Non-Battle in United States



Paul Aisenbrey was born in Huron, South Dakota, on November 15, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin J. Aisenbrey. His siblings included Calvin, Jr., Marjorie, Robert, William “Gene,” Marilyn, Leo, and Annette. His hometown was in Aberdeen, South Dakota in Brown County, where he went to Lincoln Grade School, then Roosevelt Junior High, and finally Aberdeen Central High School, from where he graduated in 1944. He liked to hunt pheasants and was an active member of the local VFW Post 17 and the American Legion. He worked at DeVries Dairy as a truck driver/deliverer in Aberdeen. He used to entertain his friends in the Marines by talking like the Disney character Donald Duck, and, in fact, his friends called him “Duck.”

Paul was a veteran of both WW II and the Korean War. He first joined the United States Marine Corps on October 13, 1944, after his brother, Robert, was wounded at Saipan. After serving out the rest of WW II in the Hawaiian Islands, he was released from duty on August 21, 1946. He was recalled to active duty with the Marine Corps on September 26, 1950, and served for a period of time in Japan before being released again on October 5, 1951 as a Corporal.

Corporal Paul Aisenbrey was killed instantly on South Dakota Highway 38, west of Spencer, on Tuesday, June 24, 1952, when his car was involved in a “sideswipe collision with a semi-cattle truck.” His body was returned to Aberdeen where he was buried with full military honors at Riverside Cemetery.

Corporal Aisenbrey was awarded the WWII Victory Medal, an Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal, a Good Conduct Medal and a Korean Service Medal.

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This information was provided and profile was approved by William E. “Gene” Aisenbrey, Aberdeen, brother of Cpl. Aisenbrey.